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Agricultural Summary: Harvest activities gained momentum last week as a recent spate of warm, dry conditions have been experienced in most localities. Field operations throughout the San Luis Valley were decreasing as harvest activities were generally complete by week's end. Reporters indicated harvest activities in some locations are still on hold for row crops until killing frosts occur. Statewide, farmers were allowed 6.8 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	33	59	2
Last Week	6	31	60	3
Last Year	7	21	70	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	31	53	1
Last Week	15	30	54	1
Last Year	20	33	47	0

Small Grains: Virtually all winter wheat in Colorado was emerged as of last week.

Row Crops: Virtually all corn was mature while its harvest progress was estimated at 44 percent complete, behind 56 percent last year and 59 percent on average. Dry bean harvest activities were 89 percent complete, up from 76 percent the week earlier. Onion and San Luis Valley potato harvest activities were virtually complete as of last week. Maturity of sorghum continued to lag behind average with 84 percent estimated mature by week's end. On average, sorghum is 94 percent mature by this time. Sorghum harvest activities continued behind average last week, gaining 6 percentage points to end on 25 percent complete, compared with the average of 35

percent. Sugarbeet harvest is slightly behind average, with 68 percent complete by week's end. Sunflowers were 27 percent harvested, behind 54 percent last year and the average of 55 percent.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 26, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	7	45	39	8
Last Year	1	4	37	45	13
Corn					
This Week	1	5	25	53	16
Last Year	11	13	31	38	7

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 65 percent fair to good across the State. On average, 57 percent is fair to good. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 89 percent complete, up from 74 percent a week earlier. On average, the fourth cutting is 81 percent complete.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 26, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	21	27	38	8
Prev. Year - 2013	16	22	30	30	2
5-Year Avg.	20	20	31	26	3

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Last week, stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 10 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 26, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	89	74	83	81
Corn				
Mature	95	90	98	98
Harvested	44	30	56	59
Dry Beans				
Harvested	89	76	91	94
Onions				
Harvested	97	92	86	96
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Harvested	96	90	99	99
Sorghum				
Mature	84	79	97	94
Harvested	25	19	32	35
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	68	56	72	73
Sunflowers				
Harvested	27	15	54	55
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	95	83	85	84

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	18	68	13
Sorghum	0	18	53	28	1
Sunflowers	1	18	32	41	8

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.